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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: LAST PAIR OF ISSUES
ROUND VI - TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 225

1. NEGOTIATING SITUATION HAS NOW ACTUALLY COME DOWN TO THE SITUATION SUGGESTED IN MOSCOW 5104 PARA 3; AND, THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO APPROPRIATE U.S. RESPONSE TO SPECULATIVE POSSIBILITY DESCRIBED IN MOSCOW 5104 PARA 5. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THE FURTHER GUIDANCE CONTEMPLATED IN STATE 80227 PARA 1 IS NEEDED NOW.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CORRECT POSTURE FOR THE TIME BEING IS ONE OF CONTINUED FIRMNESS ON BOTH "EXCEPTIONS" AND OBSERVER RIGHT OF PRESENCE 100-150 KT; AND WE INTEND TO MAINTAIN THAT POSTURE. WE SEE NO MERIT IN GIVING SOVIETS ANY COMFORT AS TO THE KIND OF FORMULATIONS MENTIONED BY MOROKHOV APRIL 3 (SEE PNE MESSAGE NUMBER 223, PARAS 6 AND 7).

3. DELEGATION VIEW OF THE CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED IN CHOICE OF POSITION ON 100-150 KT PRESENCE RIGHTS DESCRIBED IN MOSCOW 4687. IT IS OUR JUDGEMENT THAT WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO BE RECEPITIVE TO A SOVIET TRADE OF THESE RIGHTS FOR A CLEAR AND CONCLUSIVE RESOLUTION OF THE EXCEPTIONS ISSUE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE THINK IT WOULD NOT BE SOUND FOR THE U.S. TO PROPOSE THIS KIND OF TRADE

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AND, IN THE PROCESS, WEAKEN OUR POSTURE ON THE 100-

150 KT ISSUE.

4. MOROKHOV HAS ALREADY COMPROMISED HIS POSITION
ON "EXCEPTIONS" BY: (A) ASKING ONLY FOR "OPEN DOOR"
LANGUAGE RATHER THAN AUTHORIZING PROVISIONS, (B) NOT
PURSUING ANY DISCUSSION OF VERIFICATION PROVISIONS, AND
(C) COMING OFF ENTIRELY FOR A TIME (FEBRUARY 19 TO MARCH 12).

5. WE RECOMMEND THAT DELEGATION BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT
A TRADE OF THE TWO REMAINING ISSUES CLEARLY ELIMINATING
EXCEPTIONS, IF PROPOSED BY SOVIETS. WE BELIEVE THAT A
DEAL THAT CLOSES OUT THE "EXCEPTIONS" ISSUE WOULD BE WORTH THE
PRICE OF THE POSITIVE FEATURES OF RIGHT OF OBSERVER PRESENCE

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